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land deals, the United States made a nize his master by sight alone. good bargain. The census of the Philippines just published shows that the forests in the islands, in are many indications of gold and silof several billions more. The Phillump sum which we paid to Spain. Possibly the military and naval expenditures on account of the islands cost us \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,-000. But even if these figures were quadrupled we would still be gainers in that speculation in a monetary

The Louisiana region, extending from the Mississippi to the Rocky mountains and the Sabine river, cost us \$15,000,000, which we paid to France. We gave \$5,000,000 to Spain for Florida, which comprised not only the present state of that name, but the lower ends of Alabama and Mississippi and most of the eastern projection of Louisiana. Texas came to us without cost, and so did the Oregon country, comprising the present States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and parts of Montana and Wyoming. Through conquest and the payment of \$18,-250,000 to Mexico we obtained the present States of California, Nevada, Utah, the Territory of Arizona-except below the Gila river-and parts ing the coal, fish, fur, blubber or ath- son, er things, amounted to over \$10,000-000. In its products Alaska has paid for itself thirty-five times over since we bought it.

The Eyeball and Vision.

mal species and has found that the fold. sie of the eyeball is the principal factor of the acuteness of vision. The bovine species has the sharpest sight. | sheep. Small, and especially small- do so.

birds, amphibia or reptiles, have very poor sight. Owls are the only birds that possess great acuteness of vision. It has long been known that dogs have such indistinct vision that In the Philippines as in its other as a rule a dog is not able to recog-

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## Density of Population.

Although there is a certain area of of shout three and one-half acres on woods, are worth about \$3,000,000,- Manhattan island where the density 000, or double those of the States of of population is at the rate of 630, Oregon and Washington, which are 000 to the square mile, yet the city especially strong in that particular of Paris shows a far greater averasset. Then there are great depos- age density of population than New its of coal, iron and lead, and there York, the figures for Paris being 79.300 square miles, and for New ver, all of which represent a wealth York city proper 40,000 a square mile. The average density of Lonippines cost us \$20,000,000 in the dons population is 37,300 a square mile, and that of Berlin is 67,000.

## German Savings Banks.

The savings banks of Germany have some 19,000,000 pass books out and heir deposits amount to 13,500,-000,000 marks (\$3,213,000,000) These deposits are practically all guaranteed by the various municipalities of the empire, and the condition forms a bulwark of confidence in the security of private wealth and earnings that cannot be shaken by hard times, panics, bank failures, etc.

## Finger Alphabet.

The finger alphabet as distinguish. ed from the real deaf and dumb language of signs, appears to have been invented in Spain, to which country the world owes the first systematic deaf and dumb teaching. Its inventor was either Juan Pablo Bonet or Pedro de Ponce.

## .. The Sympathy of Friendship.

It is sublime to feel and say of of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyo- another, I need never meet, or speak ming. For the region south of the or write to him; we need not re-en-Gila we paid \$10,000,000 to Mexico. force ourselves or send tokens of re-For Alaska we paid \$7,200,000 to membrance; I rely on him as on my-Russia. The gold alone which we self; if he did thus or this, I know got from Alaska in 1904, not count- it was right .- Ralph Waldo Emer-

## Owls Under a Ban.

The usual crusade is going on against the harmless, necessary owl. The good he does in consuming endless voles, shrews, moles and mice is Dr. Alexander Schaefer has been ignored or forgotten; the evil laid to investigating the vision of many ani. his charge is exaggerated a hundred-

## For Lack of Better Reason.

It is likely that many a fellow who The second place is occupied by man is scarcely able to take care of himand the horse, which have nearly self marries a girl on the theory equal visual powers; the third by the that she will be able to help him to



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